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SUBJECT: AD-70, MEETING OF EWG

SUMMARY. EWG BEGINS SERIES OF TWICE- A- WEEK MEETINGS ON 22 MARCH TO REVIEW INPUT REPORTS ON NATO DEFENSE PROGRAM AREAS PRELIMINARY TO PREPARATION OF OVERALL DRAFT REPORT FOR DPC MINISTERS ON STATUS OF NATO DEFENSE PROGRAMS. MEETING OF 22 MARCH WILL TAKE UP CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS. CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF REMAINING REPORTS IS GIVEN BELOW. SINCE OBJECTIVE OF THIS STAGE OF EWG WORK IS TO ENSURE THAT REPORTS RECEIVED DESCRIBE THE CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF EACH PROGRAM AREA FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY, NO GUIDANCE WOULD SEEM TO BE REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH ANY WASHINGTON COMMENT WOULD BE WELCOME. END SUMMARY.

1. EWG MEETS 22 MARCH TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON AND DISCUSS " REPORT ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT ASPECTS" (AC/281- REPORT (73)2 AND " REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS" (AC/281- REPORT(73)3). PURPOSE OF MEETING, AS LAID OUT CONFIDENTIAL

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IN NOTICE AC/281- N(73)5, IS TO PERMIT RESPONSIBLE AGENCY TO PRESENT ITS REPORT ON THE DEFENSE AREA OR PROGRAM

CONCERNED AND TO ALLOW EWG TO DISCUSS THE REPORT, AFTER WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT OVERALL REPORT TO MINISTERS.

2. WE FIND REPORT ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT ASPECTS EXCELLENT IN COVERAGE AS WELL AS IN ITS CONCLUSION (PARA 16) THAT " SELECTED COMMITTEE AND STAFF EFFORT RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ESSENTIAL PLANS, THE CONDUCT OF FURTHER STUDIES AND PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF EXERCISES FOR THE HIGHER NATO ECHELONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED AT LEAST TO THE LEVEL REACHED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS". CONCLUSION IS NOTABLE IN THAT IT DOES NOT ASK FOR GREATLY INCREASED EFFORT.

3. REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS (AC/281- REPORT(73)3 IS MUCH LESS COMMUNICATIVE AND LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED AS TO INDICATION OF CURRENT CAPABILITIES AND PLANNED PHASING- IN OF IMPROVEMENTS. ADDITIONAL COVERAGE AS REFLECTED IN SECTION VII- X OF NICSMA- D(23), " FIRST ANNUAL REPORT BY DIRECTOR, GENERAL, NICSMA," WOULD BE USEFUL. WE PLAN TO QUERY ON THESE POINTS ON 22 MARCH, EMPHASIZING THAT PROGRAM SHOULD PROVIDE STEADY INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS. IN OUR VIEW, PROGRAM REQUIRES CONSTANT HIGH- LEVEL ATTENTION AND PRESSURE FOR EARLIER IMPROVEMENTS, AS WELL AS ADEQUATE FUNDING.

4. SCHEDULE AS CURRENTLY PROJECTED FOR REVIEW OF REMAINING REPORTS IS AS FOLLOWS:
MARCH 27-- COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS.
COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION).
MARCH 29-- CIVIL PREPAREDNESS.
PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING.
APRIL 3-- FORCE CAPABILITIES ON A REGIONAL BASIS INCLUDING REINFORCEMENT OF THE FLANKS (REPORTS BY SHAPE, ACLANT AND ACCHAN).
APRIL 5-- SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FLANKS.
APRIL 10-- INFRASTRUCTURE.
APRIL 12-- FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING.

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5. REPORTS AVAILABLE TO DATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AC/281- REPORT(73)1-- REPORT ON FORCE CAPABILITIES BY SACLANT.
AC/281- REPORT(73)2-- REPORT ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT ASPECTS.
AC/281- REPORT(73)3-- REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS.
AC/281- REPORT(73)4-- REPORT ON FORCE CAPABILITIES BY CINCHAN.
AC/281- REPORT(73)5-- REPORT ON COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS.
AC/281- REPORT(73)6-- REPORT ON ACE FORCE CAPABILITIES BY SHAPE.
AC/281- REPORT(73)7-- REPORT ON SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN

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